

2014 Tufts Health Plan Scholarships

Tufts Health Plan is pleased to announce a scholarship program available to undergraduate students pursuing degrees in nursing or other allied health professions who are eligible for health insurance coverage with the Group Insurance Commission (GIC).

In calendar year 2014, two individual \$2,500 scholarships are available to GIC-eligible **undergraduate** students **currently enrolled** in any accredited two- or four-year public or private college or university, who have completed at a minimum one semester of classes. One of the student's parents and/or a legal guardian must be enrolled in any GIC health plan.

Each scholarship is merit based. Applications will be evaluated based on the cover letter, the student's college GPA, the essay, and a resume (if the student chooses to submit one), all of which must be received by Tufts Health Plan by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2014.

Eligibility Criteria

- Undergraduate student currently enrolled full-time in any accredited two- or four-year, public or private college or university.
- Minimum college GPA of 3.0. The student must have completed at least one semester of college as of July 25, 2014.
- The applicant must plan on a career in nursing or other allied health profession.
- The student's parent or legal guardian must be enrolled in health insurance coverage through the GIC at the time of award.

Application Requirements

Please submit the following:

- Cover letter
- Application form
- Essay (see page three of this application)
- Copy of your most recent official college transcript
- Resume (optional)

All materials must be completed and received by Tufts Health Plan by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2014.

Award Procedure

- Scholarship recipients will be notified by August 22, 2014.
- Checks will be made payable directly to the registrar's office of the student's college or university and mailed on or before August 22, 2014.

Eligibility Exclusions

- Dependents of Group Insurance Commission employees and dependents of members of the Commission are not eligible.
- Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.
- Undergraduate students who will graduate prior to August 22, 2014, are not eligible.



2014 Tufts Health Plan Scholarship Application

Student's Name _____
Last First MI

Social Security Number _____

Permanent Address _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Home Phone _____ **Work Phone** _____

Summer Address _____
(if different from above) Street

City State Zip Code

College/University and Address _____
Name

Street City State Zip Code

Current Major _____ **Current GPA** _____

GIC Member Parent/Guardian Name _____

GIC Member Parent/Guardian's Social Security Number _____

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5 P.M. ON JULY 25, 2014

Please mail to:

Sales – GIC
Tufts Health Plan
705 Mount Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472-1505



2014 Tufts Health Plan Scholarship Essay Question

Instructions

Please limit your response to no more than 5 pages double-spaced. Essays in excess of this limit will not be read.

The Affordable Care Act is changing the way employer-based health plans are administered. It has taken measures to expand health care coverage, including reducing employee costs (e.g., no copayment for preventive care) and expanding coverage for dependents until age 26. Additionally, new ACA-related fees went into effect this year that are now included in health plan premiums.

What other changes will employer-based plans undergo in the next few years? What are the positive and negative effects of the Affordable Care Act on employer-based plans, and how will this change employer health plan offerings in the future?

